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1. The Foreign Trade Department of the SMA at Karlsruhe intended to import into the Russian zone of Germany 2,700 tons of cotton for spinning. As there are no spinning works with the necessary capacity in the Russian Zone, the Foreign Trade Department of the Central Administration has been ordered to send the raw cotton to the American Zone, and a contract has been arranged with the Vereinigung Norddeutscher Spinnereien in Hof (Saxony).
2. The Central Administration has been ordered not to reveal that the finished product is to be sent to the U.S.S.R., and Dr. Warner of the Press Department of the Central Administration has been instructed by the SMA to publish an article declaring that the consignment is to be placed at the disposal of the German civilian population.

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